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SUBJ: 7TH SPECIAL SESSION: CREDENTIALS

1. AT OPENING OF 7TH SPECIAL SESSION THIS MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, PRESIDENT-ELECT BOUTEFLIKA FOLLOWED RECENT SPECIAL SESSION PRECEDENT BY PROPOSING THAT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE APPOINTED DURING 29TH GA LAST FALL SHOULD SERVE FOR THE 7TH SS. THIS WAS AGREED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

2. WE HAD LEARNED THAT BOUTEFLIKA HAD EARLIER CONSIDERED OBTAINING THE TRADITIONAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE PROCESS AT 7TH SS BY PROPOSING THAT CREDENTIALS DECISIONS TAKEN BY 29TH GA SHOULD APPLY AS WELL TO THE 7TH SS. THIS WOULD HAVE HAD THE EFFECT OF IMPORTING INTO THE CURRENT SESSION THE 29TH GA'S DECISION TO SUSPEND SOUTH AFRICA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GA. THE EC-9 AND WE THUS PREPARED TO REAFFIRM OUR OBJECTIONS BUT THIS PROVED UNNECESSARY. FOR WHATEVER REASONS BOUTEFLIKA DID NOT TAKE THIS ACTION. UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY TOLD US HE HAD ADVISED BOUTEFLIKA THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LEGAL BASIS FOR THUS OVERRIDING CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE PROCESS.

3. IN THIS BRIEF STATEMENT CONCERNING THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, BOUTEFLIKA DREW THE 7TH SS'S ATTENTION TO THE SECRETARY  
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GENERAL'S THIRD-PERSON 15 AUGUST NOTE (OUR A-1074) WHICH

TAKES THE POSITION CUSTOMARY IN SPECIAL SESSION  
CONTEXTS, THAT NO NEW CREDENTIALS FOR 7TH SS WILL BE NEEDED BY  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO  
REPRESENT THEM AT ALL SESSIONS OF THE GA. SINCE THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN THUS BROADLY AUTHORIZED  
BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, QUESTIONS CONCERNING SOUTH  
AFRICAN CREDENTIALS COULD BE RAISED IN THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE  
IN CONSIDERING THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S NOTE NOTWITHSTANDING  
SOUTH AFRICAN ABSENCE FOR THE 7TH SS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SEEN  
NO EVIDENCE OF A DESIRE TO RAISE THIS MATTER IN THE FRAMEWORK  
OF THE CURRENT TWO-WEEK SS AND BELIEVE THAT AFRICAN AND OTHER  
LIKE-MINDED MEMBERS OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MAY CONTENT THEMSELVES  
WITH INSERTING IN THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT MENTION OF THEIR SUPPORT  
FOR THE 29TH GA'S SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA. IN THIS CASE,  
THERE WOULD BE NO NEED AT THE SS FOR THE PLENARY TO TAKE ACTION  
ON ANY ASPECT OF SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS. NEVERTHELESS, A  
GRATUITOUS REFERENCE BY BOUTEFLIKA TO THE 29TH GA SUSPENSION  
CANNOT, OF COURSE, BE EXCLUDED.  
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